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- The headquarters of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) was located at Benczur utca 34, Budapest VI, in a three-story stone building with a basement. (See pages 3 to 6 for the floor plans of the building.) The building stood alone and was surrounded by a lawn on three sides; a small garden was located at the great of the building. The only entrance to the building was located on the south side, A porter was posted in a small room inside the entrance. Only those persons whom the porter did not recognize were required to show identification and state their business.
- The headquarters building was furnished and equipped to give the appearance of a show place to all visitors. Vehicles used by the headquarters included a 1954 Plymouth, a Pobeda, and a 1947 seven-passenger Chrysler; the latter cap, which formerly belonged to Zoltán Tildy, was obtained in 1951 or 1952 by trading in a Ford sedan. Office equipment included a \$500.00 IBM typewriter, in the Translation Bureau, and a large IBM duplicator for making posters and duplicating printed material and letters; the duplicator was purchased in January 1955 and was installed by a technician from Vienna at a cost of 30,000 Austrian Schillings. WFDY also owned a radio which had been built expressly as a birthday present for Stalin in 1953 by the Hungarian Government; however, Stalin's death made the radio available for sale.
- When a foreign employee reported to WFDY Headquarters for an assignment, he was issued the usual Hungarian working card which gave his nationality. He was required to surrender his passport to a female clerk in the Administrative Section where all passports of foreign employees were kept in a locked safe. Passports were returned to their owners whenever they planned to travel outside of Hungary. The female clerk in the Administrative Section also obtained visas, on separate sheets of paper, for employees to travel within other Satellite countries.

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The letterhead of official WFDY stationery still gives the headquarters' former address in large print, i.e., 27 bis Rue de Chateaudun; its present Budapest address, in small letters, was printed below, followed by "temporary address".

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